

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the pending paragraph beginning on page 10, line 17 through page 11, line 2, of the application with the following:

Optionally, the hitch insert ~~20~~ 820 may also include a rotatable door ~~23~~ 823, as best shown in Fig. 17, to cover the aperture 22. The door ~~23~~ 823 is pivotally connected to the hitch insert ~~20~~ 820, and urged into a closed position by hinging mechanism ~~23a~~ 823a. An example of a hinging mechanism ~~23a~~ 823a is a pin (not shown) operably connected to a spring (not shown). The door ~~23~~ 823 is generally square in shape. Advantageously, an outer surface of the door ~~23~~ 823 may include indicia (not shown) such as a logo or the like secured to it.

Please replace the pending paragraph beginning on page 9, line 13 through page 10, line 7, of the application with the following:

Optionally, the trailer hitch cover assembly may include an electronically controlled locking pin 800, as best shown in FIG. 17. It should be appreciated that like parts of the trailer hitch cover assembly have like reference numerals increased by eight hundred (800). The electronically controlled locking pin mechanism ~~700~~ 800 includes a locking pin 825 slidably disposed within a housing 825a. Preferably the housing 825a is a tubular member that is generally cylindrically shaped. The locking pin 825 is a solid, cylindrically shaped member having slots extending longitudinally on its surface to facilitate movement of the locking pin 825 within the housing 825a. The locking pin 825 is operably connected to an actuator 825b, such as a solenoid, that controls the movement of the locking pin 825 in and out of the housing 825a. Preferably, the actuator is positioned on the hitch tube 818. The actuator 825b is operably

connected to a switch (not shown). Advantageously, the switch can be positioned within the occupant compartment so that it is readily accessible, or near the actuator 825b.